

National Compact Article

On 17 March 2010 the Hon. Kevin Rudd, MP, Prime Minister of Australia launched the National Compact between the Australian Government and the Third Sector (the Sector).

Leaders from around 50 Sector bodies, Members of Parliament, Senators and senior government representatives who attended the launch in the Mural Hall at Parliament House were welcomed to country by Aunty Agnes Shea OAM.

The Prime Minister, the Hon Jenny Macklin, Minister for Families, Housing Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens, Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector and Sector leaders signed a canvas representing their commitment to the Compact's Shared Vision:

.... to work together to improve social, cultural, civic, economic and environmental outcomes, building on the strengths of individuals and communities. This collaboration will contribute to improved community wellbeing and a more inclusive Australian society with better quality of life for all.

The Reverend Tim Costello AO, Chief Executive, World Vision Australia welcomed the Compact and the opportunities it offers for collaboration between the Government and the Sector.

Compact Partners:

The Hon Clare Martin, CEO, Australian Council of Social Service

Ms Lesley Hall, CEO, Australian Federation of Disability Organisations

The Hon Robert Tickner, CEO, Australian Red Cross

Mr Phil Harrison, Director Corporate and Government Affairs, Conservation Volunteers Australia

Ms Sandie de Wolf AM, Chair, Families Australia

Mr Pino Migliorino, Chair, Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia

Mr Adam Smith, CEO, Foundation for Young Australians

Mr Paris Aristotle AM, Director, Foundation House (Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture)

Ms Dawn O'Neil, CEO, Lifeline

Mr David Crosbie, CEO, Mental Health Council of Australia

Ms Lindsay Cane, Strategic Relations Director, Midnight Basketball Australia

Ms Elizabeth Ann Macgregor, Director, Museum of Contemporary Arts

Ms Nada Roude, Member, National Compact Sector Advisory Group

Ms Dea Delaney-Thiele, CEO, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation

Most Reverend Michel E Putney DD, President, National Council of Churches in Australia

Ms Marie Coleman PSM, Chair of the Social Policy Committee, National Foundation for Australian Women

Mr Bruce Bonyhady, President, Philanthropy Australia

Mr Steve Lawrence AO, Founding Partner, School for Social Entrepreneurs Australia

Mr Paul O'Callaghan, CEO, Reconciliation Australia

Chief Justice Terence Higgins AO, President, Royal Life Saving Society Australia

Mr Andrew Luke McLeod, AFL Champion and Partnerships Ambassador

Mr Cary Pedicini, CEO, Volunteering Australia

Rev Tim Costello AO, Chief Executive, World Vision Australia

For more information on the National Compact visit www.nationalcompact.gov.au